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[HOUSE BILL, No. 48.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.—May 6th, 1864—Read first and second times, referred to Committee on Military Affairs, and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. CHAMBERS.]

A BILL

To be entitled an act to amend an act entitled "an act to regulate Impressments," approved March 26th, 1863, and an act amendatory thereof, approved February 16th, 1864.

The Congress of the Confederate States do enact, That the act
2 *entitled "an act to regulate impressments," approved March*
3 *twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and the act*
4 *amendatory thereof, approved February sixteenth, eighteen hun-*
5 *dred and sixty-four, be so amended as to provide as follows :*

1. That the President be and is hereby authorized to appoint
2 one person, not liable to military service, in each congressional
3 district of the several states, to act as impressing agent, whose
4 duty shall be to regulate and superintend all impressments of
5 property in his district, and require the same to be made, as
6 herein after provided, under the authority and upon the written
7 order to him directed, of the General commanding the depart-
8 ment in which the district may be situated.

2. That said district agents shall appoint one sub-agent, not
2 liable to military service, in each county of their several districts,

3 whose duty shall be to make impressments on the written order
 4 of the district agent, and deliver the property impressed at any
 5 point and to any party the district agent shall designate. The
 6 said order shall specify the kind and quantity of the property to
 7 be impressed, and the period of time during which the impress-
 8 ment may be made; and a copy thereof shall be furnished the
 9 owner of the property prior to its impressment. Each district
 10 agent shall receive a salary of one thousand dollars per annum,
 11 and each county agent eight dollars per day when actually em-
 12 ployed, without further allowance, for merely personal expenses
 13 incurred in the discharge of their duties under this act, and shall
 14 make oath before a judge or clerk of a court of record faithfully
 15 to perform the duties of their offices according to law; and any
 16 owner of property about to be impressed may require the county
 17 agent to exhibit a certified copy of said oath.

3. The value of property impressed shall be ascertained, and
 2 compensation be made, as provided by existing laws, except that
 3 the county agent, whose appointment is authorized by this act,
 4 shall take the place of the impressing officer or other person
 5 heretofore authorized to make impressments.

4. That the acts referred to in the first section of this act be
 2 and the same are hereby repealed, in so far only as they contra-
 3 vene the provisions of this act.